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Title: Need to take suitable measures to mitigate the sufferings of Tsunami-affected people in Kollam district, Kerala.

SHRI P. RAJENDRAN (QUILON): The Tsunami-affected people of Kollam District, Kerala are experiencing severe hardships due to inadequate facilities. All affected people are still put up in temporary shelters, schools and other relief camps. Even after four months, no effective steps have been taken by the Governments to rehabilitate them. The fishermen lost all their fishing nets and boats in the Tsunami. The Government has not taken any step so far to distribute fishing materials to the fishermen. Due to non-supply of these materials, fishermen are not in a position to engage themselves in the fishing activity. The relief operations are not conducted in a coordinated manner so as to bring about relief to the affected people. People's representatives at various levels are not included in the relief activities. I would urge upon the Government of India to intervene in this matter urgently and take necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of the Tsunami-affected people.

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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Prasanta Pradhan − Not present.